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Thomas Jefferson

of the United States of America

To all who shall see these
presents, — Greeting:

Whereas the office of

Secretary in and for the Mississippi

Territory is at present vacant,

Now Know Ye, that regarding
special trust and confidence in

the integrity, diligence and abilities

of Thomas H. Williams, of the

Mississippi Territory, I do appoint

him Secretary in and for the

Mississippi Territory, and do authorize

and empower him to execute and

perform the duties of that office

according to law; and to have and
to hold the said office, with all the
powers, privileges and emoluments to
the same of right appertaining during
the pleasure of the President of the
United States for the time being, and
until the end of the next session of
the Senate of the United States and
no longer.

In Testimony whereof, I
have caused these letters to
be made patent, and the
Seal of the United States
to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand
at the City of ~~Washington~~
the first day of July in the

Seal

year of our Lord one thousand
hundred and five; and of the
Independence of the United
States of America the twenty ninth.

(Signed) Th: Jefferson

By the President
James Madison
Secretary of State

Mississippi Territory for

I Thomas H. Williams

do solemnly swear that I will

support the Constitution of the United
States.

Thomas H. Williams

Sworn this 14. day of Aug. 1805

before Robert Williams
Gov. of T.

I Thomas A. Williams do
solemnly swear that I will discharge
with fidelity, and according to law
the duties of Secretary of the Mississippi
Territory to the best of my skill and
abilities.

Thomas A. Williams.

Sworn this 14th day
of August 1805.

Before me

(Signed) Robert Williams

Governor of the Mississippi
Territory. —

Washington D. C. Aug 1st 1850

Sir

I had the honor to receive a
few days ago, under cover from the
Department of State, a commission
as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory.

As my public engagements render
any other than a temporary acceptance
impracticable, I deem it proper to
state to you candidly my situation,
in order that the necessity for the
speedy appointment of a successor
may be more apparent.

I have been for some time
past acting as Register and ex officio
Commissioner, under the act of Congress
for the adjustment of land-titles, in
this Territory. Various reasons have
hitherto

hitherto contributed to procrastinate
the accomplishment of this business.

It begins now to assume a progressive
form; and I need not point out to
you how essentially important it
is both to the interest and honor of
the United States, that it should be
speedily and with the least possible
delay completed. The relations
subsisting between the General
Government and the State of
Georgia, render it not only extremely
desirable but highly expedient; and
the solicitude of the people here who
are more directly interested, still
more so:— for it is a subject on
which hang, if not all their affections,

at

at least all their anxieties.

The labors of the Commissioners conjointly, and of the Register separately, will be daily increasing; and I have every reason to calculate upon such an accumulation of duty in the course of the ensuing autumn and winter, as will render it impossible for me to discharge, with any degree of credit to my self, or of utility to the Government, the additional duties of Secretary of the Territory. I will therefore respectfully suggest the propriety, indeed the necessity, of superseding me in that office, by the first of November, or at any rate by the first

first of December next.

In thus declining the acceptance of an office highly honorable in its nature, I am guided by an honest conviction that in doing so I shall be more useful to the Government. This consideration only, could have induced me to forego the pleasure of acting with my worthy friend at the head of the Government here — who by his inflexible integrity and patriotic devotion to the public weal, grows daily on the esteem of his friends, and of his fellow citizens in general.

I beg leave to charge you with the office of making my

acknowledgments to the President
of the United States. In doing this
you cannot use language too
strong to be expressive of my
gratitude and esteem.

With cordial wishes for your
political and domestic happiness,

I am,

With respectful consideration,

Y^r most Ob. Serv^t

Thos^W William,

James Madison esq^r
Secretary of State

Washington D. C. Jan 7. 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith enclosed, in four packages, — copies of all such acts of the Territorial Government here as are required to be reported semiannually to the Department of State.

N^o 1. contains the correspondence of the Executive from the commencement of Governor Williams' administration up to the present day — as recorded in Book C from page 3 to 90. inclusive.

N^o 2. Exhibits a list of

all appointments made by the Governor
during the same period.

N^o 3. contains a printed copy
of the acts passed by the Legislature
of the Territory at the second
session of the third General
Assembly thereof.

N^o 4. contains a manuscript
copy of the acts passed at the third
session of the same General Assembly
which closed two days ago.

I have the honor to be
with respectful consideration

Y^r Mo. ob. Servant.

James Madison Jr.
Secretary of State

Thos. Williams

Washington D.C. March 26. 1806

Sir,

I have drawn on you this day
in favor of Lyman Harding, duplicate
bill, for three hundred and seventy five
dollars, payable at sight, — being
the amount of salary due me as
Secretary of the Mississippi Territory,
from the 1st of July to the 31st of
December 1805.

As soon as
my successor M. Meade arrives
and takes charge of the Office I
shall draw for the residue of my
salary — say from the 1st of January
1806. to the particular day on which
that event may take place.

I have the honor to be

very respectfully,

Y. Mo. ob. serv^t

Thos. Williams.

A. Gallatin Esq.
Secy. of the Treasury

(Duplicate)

Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States
of America.

To all who shall see these presents, Greeting.

Know Ye, That reposing special trust and confidence
in the integrity, diligence and abilities of Cowles Meade
of Georgia, I have nominated and by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate do appoint him
Secretary in and for the Mississippi Territory and do
authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill
the duties of that office according to law, and to hold
and to hold the said office with all the powers, privi-
leges and emoluments to the same of right
appertaining, for the term of four years from the
date hereof, unless the President of the United
States for the time being, should be pleased to
revoke and determine this Commission.

In Testimony whereof I have caused these
letters to be made patent, and the seal of
the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washing-
ton the twenty-first day of January, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
six and of the Independence of the United States
of America the thirtieth.

Th. Jefferson

By the President.

James Madison Sec. of the

Seal

Be it remembered that Coles said equir-
late of Georgia, now constituted and appointed
Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, by the within
commission, personally appeared before one the
undersigned one of the Superior Judges for said
Territory and took an oath to support the Consti-
tution of the United States and an oath faithfully
to execute the office of Secretary of said Territory
according to the best of his skill and abilities.

Given under my hand this third day of
June in the year of the Christian Era 1806 - and
in thirtieth year of the Independence and
Sovereignty of the United States.

Thomas Rodney

Washington. D. C. June 5th 1806.

Sir

After numerous unavoidable deten-
tion, I arrived in this Territory on the first
inst and on the third received the office of
Secretary from my predecessor.

On my arrival I seriously lamented the necessity of commencing the duties and responsibilities of the first Magistrate of the Territory - but a further acquaintance with the judicious administration of the Governor, induces me to believe that the rage of party and discontent has greatly subsided, and inspired a hope, that with due vigilance I may be able to keep the people steady until his return.

I have to request that you will tender my grateful salutations to the President - and be pleased to accept the best assurances of my respect.

Yr Hble Servt

Cowley Meade

James Madison Esqr
Secretary of State

Thomas Jefferson President
of the United States of America.

To all who shall see
these presents greeting:

Know Ye, that reposing
special trust and confidence in
the integrity, diligence and discretion
of Thomas H. Williams of the
Mississippi Territory I do appoint
him Secretary in and for the said
Mississippi Territory, and do authorize
and empower him to execute and
fulfil the duties of that office
according to law; and to have
and to hold the said office,
with all the rights and emoluments
thereunto legally appertaining unto
him the said Thomas H. Williams
during the pleasure of the

President of the United States, for
the time being, and until the end
of the next Session of the Senate
of the United States, and no longer.

In Testimony whereof I
have caused these letters to be
made Patent, and the Seal of the
United States, to be hereunto
affixed.

Given under my hand at
the City of Washington the first
day of June in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred
and seven; and of the Independence
of the United States, the thirty first.

Thomas Jefferson

By the President

James Madison Secretary of State

I Thomas H. Williams do
solemnly swear that I will sup-
-port the Constitution of the U. States
Sworn this 8. day of
August 1807.

Thomas H. Williams
Robert Williams
Governor of the U. Territory.

I Thomas H. Williams do
solemnly swear that I will discharge
with fidelity and according to law,
the duties of Secretary of the Mississippi
Territory, to the best of my skill and
abilities.

Thomas H. Williams

Sworn this 8th
day of Aug. 1807. }

Robert Williams Governor of the
Mississippi Territory.

Washington D. C.

Aug. 8. 1807.

Sir,

I had the honor a few days ago to receive by the hands of Governor Williams a commission as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory. Being on the point of setting out for Richmond from whence I shall proceed to Washington City, I shall reserve for a personal interview, the pleasure of making to the President of the United States, my acknowledgments for this new proof of his confidence.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully

V. Mo. Ob. Serv^t

Thos Williams

James Madison esq.
Secretary of State

Thomas Jefferson President
of the United States of America

To all who shall see
these Presents, Greeting:

Know Ye that reposing
special trust and confidence in
the integrity, diligence and abilities
of Thomas H. Williams, of the
Mississippi Territory, I have nomi-
-nated, and by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate
do appoint him Secretary in
and for the Mississippi Territory;
and do authorize and empower
him to execute and fulfil the
duties of that office according to
law; and to Have and to Hold

the said office with all the powers,
privileges and emoluments to the same
of right appertaining for the term of
four years from the day of the date
hereof, unless the President of the
United States for the time being
should be pleased sooner to revoke
and determine this Commission.

In Testimony whereof
I have caused these letters to be
made patent and the Seal of
the United States to be hereunto
affixed.

Given under my hand at
the City of Washington the
eighteenth day of November
in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred.

and

and seven, and of the Independence
of the United States of America
the thirty second.

Th: Jefferson

By the President

James Madison

Secretary of State

I Thomas H. Williams

do solemnly swear that I will
support the Constitution of the
United States.

Thos H Williams

Sworn this 29. }
April 1808. }

Robert Williams

Governor of the Mississippi
Territory.

I Thomas J. Williams do
solemnly swear that I will discharge
with fidelity and according to law,
the duties of Secretary of the Missis-
sippi Territory, to the best of my
skill and abilities.

Sworn this 29. } Thomas Williams
day of April 1808 }

Robert Williams
Governor of the Mississippi
Territory. —

Washington U. S.

July 1. 1808.

Sir,

I have drawn on you this day in favour of Charles De France duplicate bills for one hundred and seventy five dollars on account of the contingent expenses of the Executive Department of this Government during the year 1808.

At the close of the year I shall draw for the residue of the appropriation, or so much thereof as may prove necessary to cover the expenditures, and then forward an account supported by the necessary vouchers.

I have the honor to be

Yrs. mo. ob. Serv^t

Thos. M. Williams

Sec. Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir

Washington D. C.

July 1. 1808

I have the honor to forward to you under seven distinct envelopes the following documents relating to the Government of this Territory:

- N^o 1. A transcript from the Executive Journal from the 1st of July 1807 to the 30. of June 1808.
- " 2. An abstract of all appointments made by the Governor of this Territory during the same period.
- " 3. Correspondence of the Executive in the Indian Department.
- " 4. Journal of the Legislative Council at the first Session of the 4th General Assembly.
- " 5. Journal of the House of Representatives for the same period.

N^o 6. Laws passed at the second
session of the 4.th General Assembly

" 7. A Digest of the Laws of the
Territory, executed by Harry
Toulmin esq. under the authority
of the Legislature.

In the present report are compre-
hended all the acts of the Territorial
Government up to the present ^{day}, which
the Ordinance requires, should
be communicated to the
Department of State, except the
Journal of the two Houses at their
last session. They shall be forwarded
hereafter, or rather, as soon as the
Legislature may think proper to
have them printed.

I have the honor to be
with respectful consideration

Yr. m^o. ob.

The Secretary of State

Wm. H. Williams

Washington D. C.

July 29. 1808

Sir,

I have drawn on you at sight today in favour of Robert William, for five hundred dollars for salary due me as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, from the 1st of January to the 30. of June 1808 - as will appear by the account herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be
with high consideration,

Y^r mo. ob. Servant

Robt. William,

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington D.C. 5

Jan'y. 1. 1809

Sir,

I enclose you an account
for salary due me as Secretary of the
Mississippi Territory from the 1st day
of July to the 31. day of December 1808—
amounting to five hundred dollars—
to cover which I have this day drawn
on you in duplicate, payable at sight,
in favour of Parke Watton.

Very respectfully

Yr Mo. Ob.

Thos H. William

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose
you two documents, Nos 1 & 2 which
contain all the acts of his Government
for the half year ending on the 31.
December 1881 which are required
by the Ordinance to be reported
to the Department of State.

With high consideration
I have the honor to be
Y^r Mo. Ob. Serv^t

Robt Williams

The Secretary of State

Sir,

Washington D.C. Jan 1. 1806

I have the honor to inclose
you herewith, an account supported
by the usual vouchers, for 349. 87.
dollars, it being the amount of contingent
expenses in the Executive department
of this Government for the year 1805.

I have also drawn on you in favour
of Amasa Hague for $174. \frac{87}{100}$ dollars,
which with the sum of \$75. dollars
hitherto drawn from the same fund,
will close the account on the books of the
Treasury.

I have the honor to be

Yr. Mo. Ob.

Thos. H. Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington D. C. March 23. 1867

I have drawn on you this day
in favour of John Henderson, for one
hundred and seventy five dollars,
account of the contingent expenses
of the Executive Department of this
Government. At the end of the
half year, I will forward the
vouchers.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Ob. Servant

Wm. Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir,

Washington D.C. Apr. 26.

I have drawn on you this day
in favour of Peter Watton for two
hundred and fifty dollars, being the
amount of salary due me as Surveyor
of the Mississippi Territory from the
first day of January to the 31st
day of March 1809. — which I
hope will be duly paid.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Mo. Ob. Serv^t

Thos. H. Williams

The Surveyor
of the Treasury

July 1. 1877

The enclosures numbered
1, 2, & 3 contain copies
of both Legislative and Executive
for the six months ending
30th June ultimo, which
Ordinances require should
be reported to the Depart-
ment of State.

I have the honor to be

Yr Mo. Ob. Servant

John Williams

The Secretary of State

Sir

Washington D.C. T. July 1. 1846

I have the honor to enclose to you an account accompanied by legal vouchers, for $164.59 \frac{59}{100}$ dollars—being the amount of disbursements on account of the contingent expenses of this Government for the half year ending on yesterday. When we oppose to this account the amount of a bill drawn by me in March last, for 175 dollars in favour of John Henderson, there appears to be a balance of $10.41 \frac{41}{100}$ dollars due the United States, which will of course be accounted for on a future settlement.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully

Yr. Mo. Ob. Serv^t

J. P. Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury }

Washington M. T. Aug. 20

Sir

I have drawn on your
day in favour of Genl C. B. Smith
for two hundred and fifty dollars
being amount of salary due me as
Secretary of the Mississippi Territory
for the quarter ending on the 30th
June ultimo.

I have the honor to be
Yr. M^o. Ob. Serv^t

Thos H. Murray

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington D.C. Feb. 1. 1809

Sir,
I have drawn on you to day
in duplicate payable to the order of
John Henderson, for two hundred
and fifty dollars, for salary due me
as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory
from the 1st of July to the 30th of
September 1809.

I have the honor to be

Yrs Mo. Ob. Serv^t

Thos H. Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington, M. T. Dec. 1861

Sir,

I have drawn on you for account
five dollars, on account of the contingent
expenses of this Government during the
present year, payable to the order of
Edward Williams, which I request
may be duly honoured.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Serv^t

Edw Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Sir

January 1. 1810.

I enclose you my account
for salary as Secretary of the Mississippi
Territory during the last year, and have
drawn on you in favor of John
Henderson for two hundred and fifty dollars,
being the balance due me this day
on that account.

I have the honor to be

Yr. M^o. Ob. Serv^t

Thos. H. Williams

The Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington 21. Jan 7. 1810

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you by the mail, authentic copies of the proceedings of the Executive Department of this Government for the half year ending on the 31. day of December 1809. The acts passed at the first Session of the 5th General Assembly of the Territory, together with the Journals of the two houses during the same period, shall be forwarded to you as soon as printed copies can be obtained.

With respectful consideration

I have the honor to be

Yr. Ob. Serv^t

Wm. H. Williams

The Secretary of State

Washington D.C. Aug 7/13

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you an account supported by regular vouchers, for disbursements made for contingent expenses in the Executive Department of the Government of this Territory, from the 1st of July to the 31st of December 1809 — by which it appears that there is a balance of ninety four $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars due me this day, and for which I have drawn on you duplicate bill, payable at sight, to the order of Amasa Hague.

I have the honor to be

Y^r Mo. Ob. Serv^t

Wm. H. Williams

Secretary
of the Treasury

Washington Feb 12. 1870

Sir,

I have drawn on you today in favour of Woodbridge Adlin of Philadelphia for one hundred and sixty six dollars, to cover sundry disbursements already made, and others which will arise during the two first quarters of the current year, on account of the contingent expenses of the Secretary Office. On the first of July this sum shall be accounted for in the regular form.

I have the honor to be

Yr Mo. Ob.

Wm. A. R.

The Secretary
of the Treasury

April 1. 1810.

Sir,

I have this day drawn on you in favor of Parke Weldon for Two hundred and fifty dollars, being amount of salary due me as Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, from the first of January to 31. March 1810.

I have the honor to be

yr mo obt.

The Secretary of }
the Treasury - }

Wm H. Williams

Washington Oct. 1. 1810.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an account supported by regular vouchers amounting to one hundred and seventy seven ⁵⁹/₁₀₀ dollars, for sundry disbursements made by me in character of Secretary of the Mississippi Territory on the score of contingencies in the Executive Govern-

ment here during the two first quarters
of the current year. Deducting from
from this amount a bill drawn in
February last, in favour of Woodbury
Order for one hundred and ~~sixty~~
six dollars, leaves a balance of
eleven $\frac{59}{100}$ dollars due me - which
can, I presume, be remitted to me
in a draft from the Treasurer.

I have the honor to be

Yr. mo. ob. Serv^t

Wm. H. Miller

The Secretary
of the Treasury

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Push Up — Dr